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SRI V. M. SURENDRARAM : இந்த வருஷம் நீலகிரி ஜில்லாவில் 'லேட் பிளைட்' என்ற நோயால் விதைகள் இல்லாமல் போய்விட்டதால், அதிக விதைகளை இறக்குமதி செய்ய சர்க்கார் ஏற்பாடு செய்யுமா?

THE HON. SRI M. BHAKTAVATSALAM: அதுபற்றி முயற்சி செய்யப்பட்டுவருகிறது.

Pick-pocket

* 277 *Q.*—SRI T. P. SRINIVASAVARADAN : Will the Hon. the Minister for Home be pleased to state—

(*a*) whether any instance of refusal to take charge of a pick-pocket by a Railway Police Constable, recently in the City of Madras, has been brought to the notice of the Government; and

(*b*) if so, the action taken or proposed to be taken thereon?

THE HON. SRI M. BHAKTAVATSALAM : (*a*) Yes, Sir.

(*b*) The Railway Police Constable has been placed under suspension and departmental action against him is proceeding.

SRI T. P. SRINIVASAVARADAN : Was it under the wrong impression that it was not his duty that he refused to take charge?

THE HON. SRI M. BHAKTAVATSALAM : All that will be revealed in the course of the inquiries. We cannot go into what he was thinking and doing.

SRI T. P. SRINIVASAVARADAN : Are the Government aware that in a number of cases, even serious cases, the constable says that anything brought to his notice does not fall within his jurisdiction and asks the complainant to go to the next police station?

THE HON. SRI M. BHAKTAVATSALAM : I may tell the hon. Member that the constable should take charge of the case if it is within his jurisdiction and that he has no powers to direct it to the wrong police station.

Thozhudur Police station

* 278 *Q.*—SRI M. ETHIRAJALU : Will the Hon. the Minister for Home be pleased to state—

(*a*) whether it is a fact that a petition has been presented to the Chief Minister during his tour on 20th September 1960 by the villagers of Ramanathan of Vridhachalam taluk, South Arcot district, to change the name of Thozhudur Police station as Ramanathan Police station; and

(*b*) if so, the action taken or proposed to be taken thereon?

THE HON. SRI M. BHAKTAVATSALAM : (*a*) No, Sir.

(*b*) Does not arise.